

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for generating server configuration data for configuring a server, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving raw server configuration data and server instance data, said raw server configuration data comprising a configuration token, and said server instance data comprising one or more instance tokens, each of said one or more instance tokens associated with an instance value; and

generating server configuration data ~~from~~ by merging said received raw server configuration and server instance data, said merging comprising:

copying said raw server configuration data to form said server configuration data and replacing a configuration token in said raw server configuration data with instance values associated with an instance token in said server instance data, said instance token in said server instance data corresponding to said configuration token in said raw server configuration data

~~wherein said server configuration data comprises merging said raw server configuration data and said server instance data.~~

Claim 2. (Canceled)

Claim 3. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 2 1, wherein said generating step further comprises the steps of:

identifying in said raw server configuration data and said server instance data corresponding configuration and server instance tokens.

Claim 4. (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein said identifying step further comprises the steps of:

locating in said server instance data, server instance tokens; and  
for each server instance token located;

determining if said raw server configuration data includes a corresponding configuration token.

Claim 5. (Original): The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of for each server instance token located:

prior to said determining, assessing if said server instance token located comprises a token associated with a configuration parameter; and

if said server instance token located comprises a token associated with a configuration parameter, performing said determining.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 2 1 further comprising the step of: transmitting said server configuration data to a remote computer system.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 2 1 further comprising the step of providing said raw server configuration data as server operation parameters and said server instance data as server processing parameters.

Claim 8. (Original): The method of claim 7 further comprising the step of providing said server instance data as server environment parameters.

Claim 9. (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein said merging steps comprises:

copying said raw server configuration data so as to form said server configuration data;

identifying a portion of said server configuration data that requires modification;

replacing said portion identified with a value associated with a corresponding portion in said server instance data.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 2 1 further comprising the step of providing said raw server configuration data as one or more data files and said server instance data as one or more data files.

Claim 11. (Original): The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of providing the server configuration data generated as a modification of said raw server configuration data.

Claim 12. (Original): The method of claims 1 further comprising the step of starting a server on a computer system employing said server configuration data.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended): A computer readable media storing data and instructions, said data and instructions, when executed by a computer system adapts said computer system to:

receive raw server configuration data and server instance data, said raw server configuration data comprising a configuration token, and said server instance data comprising one or more instance tokens, each of said one or more instance tokens associated with an instance value; and

generate server configuration data by merging from said received raw server configuration and server instance data, said merging comprising:

copying said raw server configuration data to form said server configuration data and replacing a configuration token in said raw server configuration data with instance values associated with an instance token in said server instance data, said instance token in said server instance data corresponding to said configuration token in said raw server configuration data wherein said server configuration data comprises merging said raw server configuration data and said server instance data.

Claim 14. (Canceled)

Claim 15. (Currently Amended): The computer readable media of claim 14 13, wherein said data and instructions adapting said computer system to generate server configuration data comprises data and instructions to adapt said computer system to:

identify in said raw server configuration data and said server instance data corresponding configuration and server instance tokens.

Claim 16. (Original): The computer readable media of claim 15, wherein said data and instructions adapting said computer system to identify in said raw server configuration data

and said server instance data corresponding configuration and server instance tokens comprises data and instructions to adapt said computer system to:

locate in said server instance data, server instance tokens; and  
for each server instance token located;

determine if said raw server configuration data includes a corresponding configuration token.

Claim 17. (Original): The computer readable media of claim 16, wherein said data and instructions adapting said computer system to determine for each server instance token located further comprises data and instructions to adapt said computer system to:

prior to said determining, assess if said server instance token located comprises a token associated with a configuration parameter; and

if said server instance token located comprises a token associated with a configuration parameter, performing said determining.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended): The computer readable media of claim ~~14~~ 13, wherein said data and instructions further adapt said computer system to:

transmit said server configuration data to a remote computer system.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended): The computer readable media of claim ~~14~~ 13 wherein said raw server configuration data comprises server operation parameters and said server instance data comprises server processing parameters.

Claim 20. (Original): The computer readable media of claim 19 wherein said server instance data further comprises server environment parameters.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended): The computer readable media of claim ~~14~~ 13 wherein said raw server configuration data comprises one or more data files and said server instance data comprises one or more data files.

Claim 22. (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein the server configuration data generated comprises a modification of said raw server configuration data.

Claim 23. (Original): The computer readable media of claim 13 further comprising data and instructions adapting said computer system to start a server on a computer system employing said server configuration data.

Claim 24. (Currently Amended): A computer system for configuring another computer system, said computer system adapted to:

receive raw server configuration data and server instance data, said raw server configuration data comprising a configuration token, and said server instance data comprising one or more instance tokens, each of said one or more instance tokens associated with an instance value; and

generate server configuration data ~~from~~ by merging said received raw server configuration and server instance data, said merging comprising:

copying said raw server configuration data to form said server configuration data and replacing a configuration token in said raw server configuration data with instance values associated with an instance token in said server instance data, said instance token in said server instance data corresponding to said configuration token in said raw server configuration data ~~wherein said server configuration data comprises merging said raw server configuration data and said server instance data.~~

Claim 25. (Canceled)

Claim 26. (Currently Amended): The computer system of claim ~~25~~ 24 wherein said adaptation to generate server configuration data comprises an adaptation to:

identify in said raw server configuration data and said server instance data corresponding configuration and server instance tokens.

Claim 27. (Original): The computer system of claim 26, wherein said adaptation to identify in said raw server configuration data and said server instance data corresponding configuration and server instance tokens comprises an adaptation to:

locate in said server instance data, server instance tokens; and  
for each server instance token located;

determine if said raw server configuration data includes a corresponding configuration token.

Claim 28. (Original): The computer system of claim 27, wherein said adaptation to determine for each server instance token located further comprises an adaptation to:

prior to said determining, assess if said server instance token located comprises a token associated with a configuration parameter; and

if said server instance token located comprises a token associated with a configuration parameter, performing said determining.

Claim 29. (Currently Amended): The computer system of claim ~~25~~ 24, wherein said computer system is further adapted to:

transmit said server configuration data to a remote computer system.

Claim 30. (Currently Amended): The computer system of claim ~~25~~ 24 wherein said raw server configuration data comprises server operation parameters and said server instance data comprises server processing parameters.

Claim 31. (Original): The computer system of claim 30 wherein said server instance data further comprises server environment parameters.

Claim 32. (Currently Amended): The computer system of claim ~~25~~ 24 wherein said raw server configuration data comprises one or more data files and said server instance data comprises one or more data files.

Claim 33. (Original): The computer system of claim 24 wherein the server configuration data generated comprises a modification of said raw server configuration data.

Claim 34. (Original): The computer system of claims 24 further adapted to start a server on a computer system employing said server configuration data.

Claim 35. (Currently Amended): A method for generating a server configuration file comprising the step of:

implementing a configuration tool for merging first data and second data, wherein said first data comprising comprises raw server configuration data including a configuration token and said second data comprising server instance data including one or more values associated with said configuration token, said configuration tool replacing a configuration token in said raw server configuration data with values associated with an instance token in said server instance data, said instance token in said server instance data corresponding to said configuration token in said raw server configuration data.

Claim 36. (Original): The method of claim 35 further comprising the step of providing said raw server configuration data as behavior data and said server instance data as operating environment data.

Claim 37. (Original): The method of claim 36 further comprising the step of providing said behavior data as one or more of: port numbers; host name; MIME types; security parameters; memory resource parameters; and CPU resource parameters; and said operating environment data as one or more of: path names; environment variables; publishing data; and server specific variables dependent upon computer system specific variables.

Claim 38 (Canceled)

Claim 39. (Currently Amended): The method of claim ~~38~~ 35 wherein said merging step further comprises the step of generating a separate server configuration file.